

The budget limitation, was that taken care of, that 7%? Isn't that what Senator Koch's amendment did? Didn't it take care of it, that 7% of last year's budget?

SENATOR R. LEWIS: That was my amendment and that did take care of it. 107% rather than 7% of the previous year's budget.

SENATOR BARNETT: Okay, then that is already in it and has been changed?

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Yes, sir.

SENATOR BARNETT: Okay, there is some other questions but I don't want to take up all the time. Maybe somebody else will answer some of the others. I thank you very much.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Nichol. Before I introduce you, Senator Nichol, I think maybe these students are still here. The 34 students from Christ Lutheran School in Norfolk, Nebraska, are you still here? There you are with Howard Folker, your teacher. Would you stand up and be recognized? Howard, if you would stand up. Welcome to your Legislature. And that is Senator Boughn's District. I think the 11 students from Marysville, Kansas, who also were in the North balcony, have gone. I think they have already gone but they were visiting from Marysville, Kansas. Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. I'd like to ask Senator DeCamp a question. Perhaps Senator Barnett would be interested in this. Several years ago, rather than having appraisals done every ten years, as was mandatory at that time, there was established what we are calling a red book and a white book which would allow county assessors and county commissioners, acting as the Board of Equalization, a way in which they could update their appraisals without going through a whole new appraisal. My question is, is this what these amendments are referring to? Could this be done in this way, whereby they use these updating books rather than go through a whole new reappraisal? If they were going to go through a whole new reappraisal this takes a matter of three or four years. Using these books you can do it within a year.

SENATOR DeCAMP: That, as I understand it, is the way that it was explained to me by the people from their office. You said it more clearly than I did, apparently because you've played this game before. I admit I'm new in this. You're saying it the way they did.

SENATOR NICHOL: This is the way it was handled at the time I left the field. If this is the same way then these county assessors can bring their appraisals up-to-date a lot quicker than going through a whole new reappraisal with a reappraisal company.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Now Senator Kahle and Senator Nichol, Senator Lewis, I think they've all been pretty close to county commissioners, I think Cal has. I really think they can answer these questions better than I. You know my name is on the amendment, but that doesn't mean anything. Senator Kahle is fresh off the battle lines on it. He knows.